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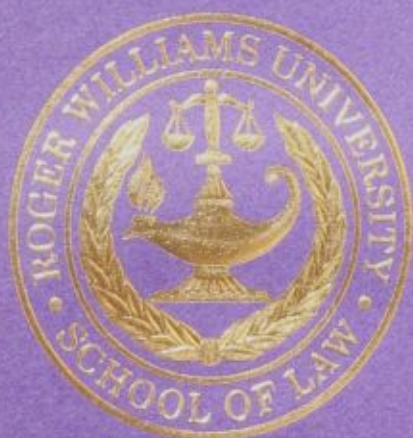
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ROGER WILLIAMS
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INAUGURAL
COMMENCEMENT

1996

The Program

May 18, 1996

John E. Ryan, Dean -- Presiding

- PRELUDE *Prelude, Sigurd Jorsalfor* by Edward Grief
- PROCESSIONAL *Pomp and Circumstance March* by Elgar
- NATIONAL ANTHEM. Anthony Ferreira
- INVOCATION The Rev. Dr. Judith A. Davis
St. Michael's Church
- TRUSTEE'S GREETINGS. Ralph R. Papitto
Chair, Board of Trustees
- ADDRESS The Honorable Anthony M. Kennedy
Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the United States
"Law and History in America"
1700 - 1815 *Founding*
1815-1900 *Progress*
1900 - 1960 *Consensus*
1960 - ? *To Be Announced*
- REMARKS Dr. Anthony J. Santoro
President, Roger Williams University
- CONFERRING OF THE
HONORARY DEGREES. **The Honorable Anthony M. Kennedy**
Presented by: Ralph R. Papitto, Chair
The Honorable Victoria Lederberg
University Trustees
- Dean Richard G. Huber**
Presented by: Ralph R. Papitto, Chair
Dean Malcolm Donahue
University Trustees
- RESPONSE FROM THE CLASS. John William Chamberlain, Jr.
Valedictorian
- PRESENTATION OF
GRADUATING CLASS. John E. Ryan, Dean
Roger Williams University School of Law
- CONFERRING OF DEGREES Dr. Anthony J. Santoro
Ralph R. Papitto
The Honorable Victoria Lederberg
Dean Malcolm Donahue
- BENEDICTION The Rev. Dr. Judith A. Davis
- RECESSIONAL *Grand March from "Aida"* by Verdi

The Audience is requested to remain seated during the recessional.



Honorable Anthony McLeod Kennedy

The Roger Williams University School of Law cites the Honorable Anthony McLeod Kennedy.

Gifted thinker, conscientious counsellor, courageous appellate jurist and esteemed Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, you have proven yourself a fierce guardian of the rule of law and the administration of justice. Your utter dedication to your country and its Constitution is only matched by your demonstrated, personal commitment to family and to faith, and to the study of the human condition.

Your gift of genius emerged early, when you excelled in your pre-legal studies at Stanford University and the London School of Economics. Your self-imposed standard of excellence was further manifested by your record at the Harvard Law School, where you earned your Bachelor of Laws Degree. During the fifteen years of practice that preceded your elevation to the bench, you left a prestigious, large, San Francisco law firm in order to undertake the responsibilities of your father's practice in Sacramento, California. After practicing for some seven years in that setting, where your counsel was sought by governors and other public leaders, your great gift for the law was acknowledged by President Gerald Ford by his appointing you to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Your service to that Court over a dozen years left little doubt as to the virtual boundlessness of your industry, the extent of your depth of thought, or the courage of your intellectual commitment in the face of legalistic entrenchment. As a participant in more than 1,400 decisions and the author of more than 400 opinions on the Court of Appeals, you proved yourself one of the most active and enthusiastic judges among the benches of the Circuit Courts. Frequently called upon by your colleagues to write opinions resolving difficult cases and by your own conviction to respond to majority panels and pluralities with dissents, you responded in both instances with alacrity, incisive rhetoric and good will. Under the rubrics of congressional discretion, the exclusionary rule and congressional vetoes of administrative decisions, your anticipation of Supreme Court trends proved prescient. Throughout your years of practice in Sacramento and your tenure on the Ninth Circuit, for 23 years your love of learning and teaching also found voice through your making time to teach Constitutional Law continuously at the University of the Pacific's McGeorge School of Law.

It surprised no one, then, when President Ronald Reagan nominated you in 1988 to the highest court in the land or when the Senate confirmed that nomination without qualm or delay.

Your eight years of service thus far on the Supreme Court of the United States confirm the expectations given rise to by your performance on the Ninth Circuit. Again, your work is forging a reputation for independent thinking that brooks no easy classification. Commentators have characterized your delivery as intense and your demeanor as utterly lacking in pretension, and have observed that your inquiries from the bench often frame issues for your colleagues, much in the vein of former Justice Lewis Powell, Jr. Difficult to characterize and impossible to pigeonhole, your jurisprudence invests your vote on the Court with great sway, given the solid foundation upon which your opinions pivot and your unswerving allegiance to original and independent thinking. In all, yours has been a compassionate voice, ever staunch in its defense of the First Amendment. The theme of extraordinary industry, too, resurfaces through the unusually large number of opinions you have authored.

For all of these reasons, then, and by the power vested in me by the Board of Trustees of the Roger Williams University School of Law, I confer upon you the Degree of Doctor of Laws.

This Eighteenth Day of May, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Six.

Ralph R. Papitto
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Richard G. Huber

The Roger Williams University School of Law honors Richard G. Huber.

Model student, honorable veteran, devoted husband, proud father, respected teacher, erudite scholar and estimable administrator, you have dedicated your life to service to family, country and students of the law. Your career merits superlative praise.

Your commitment to your Country and dedication to legal education emerged in tandem early on when, after earning your Bachelor of Science Degree from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, you served the U.S. Navy with distinction for eight years, first during the Second World War and, then, returning from separation you served during the Korean Conflict, upon whose resolution you retired from the service with the rank of Captain. Hardly idle during the intervening four years, you seized the opportunity to earn your Juris Doctor Degree with distinction. Quite literally, between two wars you led the *Iowa Law Review* as its Editor-in-Chief, were elected upon graduation by the Iowa faculty to the Order of the Coif, and proceeded from Iowa City to Cambridge to earn your Master of Laws Degree from the Harvard Law School.

Upon your ultimate, and more permanent, return to civilian life in 1952 you immediately launched your career in legal education. As an Associate Professor of Law and promising legal scholar, you pursued that career from the University of South Carolina School of Law to Tulane University and ultimately, in 1957, to Boston College Law School, where you earned the tenure that eventually resulted in your election to the position of *Emeritus* Professor of Law in 1990. Of the thirty-three years that you served on the Boston College law faculty, you provided such strong leadership as Dean, for fifteen of those years, that the Law School's strength and stature increased severalfold.

Even beyond your service as a teacher and administrator to individual law schools, you have benefitted the American community of legal education, remarkably, through *all* of its professional organizations. Ever active in the American Bar Association Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, you served on its governing Council for four years, and were a member of the ABA Task Force on Law Schools and the Profession for another four. For the Association of American Law Schools, you sat as its delegate to the American Bar Association, as the Chair of its Committee on Scholarly Papers, as a member of its Executive Committee for two terms and as its President. In addition, you have directed the American Judicature Society, presided over the Council on Legal Education Opportunity and served as a Trustee to the Law School Admissions Council. In short, there is little in legal education that you have not done, and American law schools are stronger for it in uncountable ways.

We, your colleagues on this faculty, count ourselves as privileged to have had you serve with us since the very inception of Roger Williams University School of Law, for you are truly a *Distinguished* Professor of Law.

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Academic Regalia

Academic dress originated more than 600 years ago at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, where today, the most colorful gowns in the world are those worn at Oxford functions. Though worn daily in the Middle Ages to identify disciplines of study and to provide warmth, today, academic regalia is reserved for ceremonial occasions.

In the United States, the Academic Costume Code is adhered to by virtually all American colleges and universities. This governs the material, style, color and trimmings of the gown and hood, the style of the cap, and the color of the tassel.

The field of learning in which the degree was awarded is indicated by the color of the edging of the hood, and in some cases by the color of the velvet trimming on the front panels and the sleeves. The doctor's gown, which may be worn open or closed, has velvet panels draped around the neck and along the front edges of the gown. Three horizontal bars are stitched on the upper arm of the full, bell-shaped sleeves. The color for the law is purple.

This established code allows viewers to determine from the costume the degree, academic discipline and, often, the institution that awarded the degree. The doctoral gown of the Roger Williams University School of Law is black with purple velvet trimmings. The hood has a velvet border of purple with a satin lining of a gold background with a blue chevron. The cap worn is a tam with a gold tassel.

The standard academic color code in the United States is:

Agriculture	<i>Maize</i>	Medicine	<i>Green</i>
Arts, Letters, Humanities	<i>White</i>	Music	<i>Pink</i>
Business Administration	<i>Drab</i>	Nursing	<i>Apricot</i>
Dentistry	<i>Lilac</i>	Philosophy	<i>Dark Blue</i>
Economics	<i>Copper</i>	Physical Education	<i>Sage Green</i>
Education	<i>Light Blue</i>	Public Administration	<i>Peacock Blue</i>
Engineering	<i>Orange</i>	Public Health	<i>Salmon Pink</i>
Fine Arts, Architecture	<i>Brown</i>	Science	<i>Gold</i>
Journalism	<i>Crimson</i>	Social Science	<i>Citron</i>
Law	<i>Purple</i>	Theology, Divinity	<i>Scarlet</i>
Library Science	<i>Lemon</i>	Veterinary Science	<i>Gray</i>

